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TAGS: PFOR GW US (SCHMIDT, HELMUT)

SUBJECT: US-FRG BILATERAL AT LONDON SUMMIT

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1. PRESS REPORTS FROM BOTH WASHINGTON AND BONN MAKE IT GENERAL KNOWLEDGE THAT THERE WILL BE A BILATERAL BETWEEN THE PRESIDENT AND CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT IN LONDON THIS WEEKEND, AND THE FRG WOULD LIKE TO PROCEED WITH AN OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT. WE TOLD RUHFUS IN THE CHANCELLERY THAT WE HAD HAD NO REACTION TO THE SUGGESTION IN REFTEL THAT THIS ANNOUNCEMENT BE MADE TODAY. HE NOW INTENDS THAT THE FEDERAL PRESS SPOKESMAN ANNOUNCE THE MEETING AT THE REGULAR PRESS BRIEFING AT 2:30 P.M. (9:30 A.M. WASHINGTON TIME), WEDNESDAY, MAY 4.

2. FORMAT FOR MEETING. ACCORDING TO THE FOREIGN OFFICE (WOLFF), THE CHANCELLOR'S PREFERENCE IS FOR A PRIVATE MEETING BETWEEN THE PRESIDENT AND HIMSELF FOR THE FIRST 15 MINUTES, DURING WHICH THE SECRETARY AND FOREIGN MINISTER GENSCHER WOULD BE HOLDING
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PARALLEL TALKS. THEREAFTER THE SECRETARY AND GENSCHER WOULD JOIN THE PRESIDENT AND THE CHANCELLOR.

3. WE TOLD WOLFF WE HAD NO INDICATION AS YET OF THE PRESIDENT'S DESIRES AND ASKED HOW HE THOUGHT THE CHANCELLOR WOULD REACT TO A SUGGESTION THAT THE ENTIRE MEETING BE LIMITED TO THE PRINCIPALS. WOLFF WAS QUITE

CERTAIN THAT THE CHANCELLOR WOULD WISH GENSCHER TO PARTICIPATE AT SOME POINT IN THE MEETING.

4. WOLFF IS PROCEEDING ON THE ASSUMPTION THAT THE TIMING OF THE BILATERAL REMAINS SET FOR 8:00 A.M., MAY 7.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: GUIDANCE FOR RESPONDING TO THE FRG SUGGESTION ON FORMAT FOR THE MEETING.
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